

The Congress, by a joint resolution approved December 17, 1963, as amended (77 Stat. 402; 36 U.S.C. 143), has designated December 17 of each year as "Wright Brothers Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim December 17, 2006, as Wright Brothers Day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on December 19.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 10

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the National Building Museum where they participated in the taping of the annual "Christmas in Washington" concert for later television broadcast.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the White House.

December 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President participated in an interview with Stephen F. Hayes of the *Weekly Standard*. Later, also in the Oval Office, he met with outside experts on Iraq.

The President announced his intention to appoint Patricia Hanahan Engman, Robert E. Peterson, and Peter W. Tredick as members of the Presidential Emergency Board No. 240, and, upon appointment, to designate Peter W. Tredick as Chair.

December 12

In the morning, in his private dining room, the President had breakfast with Secretary of Defense-designate Robert M. Gates. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in the Roosevelt Room, the President participated in a video conference call with U.S. military commanders and Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted two holiday receptions.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides on November 2–11.

The President declared a major disaster in New York and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on November 16–17.

December 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with President Jalal Talabani of Iraq and Masoud Barzani, president of the Kurdistan region of Iraq.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, at the Pentagon, he and Vice President Dick Cheney met with U.S. military personnel. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jose

Manuel Barroso of the European Commission to the White House on January 8, 2007.

The President announced the recess appointment of Dabney Langhorne Friedrich and Beryl A. Howell as members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of John R. Steer as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission and designated him Vice Chair.

December 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception.

December 15

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Abdullah bin Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia. He then had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Arlington, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

Later in afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush went to the State Department where they participated in a holiday reception for members of the diplomatic corps. Later, they returned to the White House.

In the evening, on the State Floor, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a holiday reception.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as

items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released December 9

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.J. Res. 102

Released December 11

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Holocaust Denial Conference Sponsored by Iranian Regime

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2383, H.R. 3817, H.R. 4000, H.R. 4559, H.R. 5061, H.R. 5103, H.R. 5585, H.R. 5690, and H.R. 6121

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Washington

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New York

Released December 13

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of European Commission President Jose Barroso

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 4377

Released December 14

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Released December 15

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 3699